



## Binational Communication Zaragoza-Ysleta International Bridge



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- The Governments of the United States and Mexico would like to advise the public that a modernization project for the cargo facilities of the Mexican port-of-entry at the Zaragoza-Ysleta International Bridge is underway as of August 2014, and is scheduled to be completed in 15 months.
- This renovation will result in substantial benefits to the port and will increase its capacity, and will also require some temporary lane closures. To minimize the impact on commerce, only one of the four cargo import or export lanes at this bridge will be closed at any given time. The Mexican Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público (SHCP) will assess the impact of the lane closures and make adjustments as appropriate. The SHCP will also post project information online on the following webpage: [http://www.sat.gob.mx/sala\\_prensa/boletin\\_tecnico/Paginas/default.aspx](http://www.sat.gob.mx/sala_prensa/boletin_tecnico/Paginas/default.aspx). It is estimated that lane closures will begin in January 2015.
- This renovation will expand off-loading dock space for both the imports and exports area at the Mexican inspection station, extend the FAST lane to make sure that front-of-the-line privileges are granted to CTPAT/NEEC participants, and will add a second level for administrative offices.
- The Governments of the United States and Mexico are committed to the continuous improvement of the infrastructure along our common border, including the Zaragoza-Ysleta International Bridge -- a key component for the economic and social development of the Ciudad Juarez-El Paso region and of the United States and Mexico. Officials from both governments meet regularly to discuss the operation and possible improvements to this and all border crossings in the spirit of strong bilateral coordination.

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